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SUBJ: BLANCO COMMENTS ON HIS RESIGNATION

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1. SUMMARY: COMMENTING TO THE PRESS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS RESIGNATION, FORMER FONMIN BLANCO STATED THAT HE HAD NOT RESIGNED FOR PERSONAL REASONS, IMPLIED THAT HE HAD LEFT BECAUSE OF SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES WITH THE GOVERNMENT, AND ADDED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT, FOR THE PRESENT, TO HOLD ANY PUBLIC POST. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PRESS OF DECEMBER 26 CARRIED FORMER FONMIN BLANCO'S FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT SINCE HIS RESIGNATION. BLANCO WAS CATEGORIC IN TWO RESPECTS. FIRST, HE SAID HE HAD NO PERSONAL REASONS FOR RESIGNING. SECOND, HE WOULD NOT, FOR THE MOMENT, ASSUME ANY PUBLIC POST, EITHER IN URUGUAY OR ABROAD, A REFERENCE TO RUMORS THAT HE MIGHT RECEIVE AN AMBASSADORIAL POST.

3. INASUMCH AS PERSONAL REASONS WERE DISCOUNTED, BLANCO WAS ASKED
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WHY HE HAD RESIGNED. EL DIA SAID, "DR. BLANCO, ASKED WHY HE RESIGNED, STATED THAT HE PREFERRED NOT TO COMMENT BECAUSE HIS WITHDRAWL FROM GOVERNMENT WAS RELATED SOLELY TO GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY AS SUCH." EL DIA WENT ON TO QUOTE THE FORMER MINISTER AS HAVING SAID, "WE HAVE RECOMMENDED TO MINISTRY PERSONNEL THAT THEY SHOULD CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON SERVICE TO THE NATION, WHICH

MUST BE FUNDAMENTAL TO ALL OF US, AND THAT, PERSONALLY, COME WHAT
MAY IN THE WAY OF DUTIES IN THE FUTURE, I WILL ALWAYS BE BOUND
BY THAT FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE."
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